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Participation key in Hyde School program

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BATH — Participation is the key word at Hyde School, where athletics are viewed as part of the curriculum and not extra curricular.

From natural athletes, to part-time athletes to non-athletes, all of Hyde School's 220 students are required to participate in one sport per season.

Whether it's scrambling on the wrestling mat, skiing through serene and snow-splashed woods, booting a soccer ball or working behind the scenes as a manager or scorer, every student at Hyde does his or her part each athletic season.

Confidence, self-discipline and a desire to carry athletics into later life are benefits of the Hyde School policy, which puts more students on the floor/field than schools five times Hyde's size.

Athletic Director Tom McCaffrey, who has coached everything from track to football to wrestling, said of the Hyde policy, "It's part of the interview," an interview which all prospective Hyde students undergo.

And coach Malcolm Gauld, himself an athlete at Bowdoin College, said, "Nothing here is extra curricular."

McCaffrey said Hyde makes cuts in few athletics and those cut join other athletic teams. "We do cut kids in basketball and tennis. We can just carry so many people."

James Richardson has been at Hyde School four years, and feels the Hyde policy gave him a needed push. "Before I came here, I never really played football. That gave me a chance to experience another sport."

Richardson has participated in football, basketball and track, and is rated one of Hyde School's top "natural" athletes. And he viewed what he termed "favoritism" at his school in New York City. That hasn't happened to Richardson at Hyde. "They encouraged me. It was my turning point in sports," he said.

The personable postgraduate may be attending the University of Rhode Island next fall. He said, "I'm hoping the track coach might want to take a look at me."

Jeannette Malone is a postgrad who is completing her fourth year at Hyde School. And, unlike Richardson, her athletic exploits didn't come particularly easy.

From Medina, Ohio, Malone has competed in cross-country running, cross- country skiing and track at Hyde School. "One time a coach suggested I try cross country and I cheerleaded. That was more important then," she said with a chuckle.

"I didn't do anything to the degree I do here. I didn't want to run cross country — I wanted to play soccer," Malone said, adding she was encouraged to get into cross country to take advantage of what Hyde saw as her best potential.

Holder of every female track and cross country long-distance record at Hyde School, Malone hopes to attend the University of Vermont next fall, and intends to continue running. "It's given me a lot of confidence and a better understanding of what self-discipline can do. I think that spills over into other things that I do."

Pittsburgh's Mark Newberg is cut from a different mold than Richardson and Malone. He is not an athlete, yet he's contributed greatly to the Hyde athletic program.

After participating in track, cross country and wrestling, Newberg is keeping busy as student athletic director, where he's responsible for as many as 20 people working under him.

"I have a coordination problem and a perspective problem. When I came to school, they gave me confidence. That's the main thing — confidence. Being in sports is beneficial, but I thought the best way I could contribute to the school was be a manager," Newberg said.

Bound for Syracuse University and what he hopes is a career in business administration in the fall, Newberg said, "I want to stay in athletics in some way."

Rodney Johnson has been at Hyde School for three years and is looking at the University of New Hampshire as one possibility for the fall. The New York City teenager who can "heat it up" on the basketball court, has also participated in track, football and cross country at Hyde School. He has a bit of a different perspective on the Hyde participation philosophy.

"I think it's good when you first come but when you get to be a senior you should be allowed to do whatever sport you want," Johnson said.

A member of a Maine team that toured Taiwan and Hawaii last year, Johnson said, "It (athletics) helped me see that I have a lot of abilities and it helped me relax."

Romie Marble, the school's football coach and director of the Maine Athletic Development Center, defends the Hyde participation philosophy. "We try to place people in the sport where he or she can realize their potential ultimately. We give them all a chance to develop," Marble said, adding many students wouldn't have had a chance to develop skills otherwise.

Gauld, who is headed back to college and further coaching, said, "Everybody struggles before somebody at something here. I don't think we have the element of cliques. Everybody gets challenged in a way, and if they're talented they can run with it. Here we get positive peer pressure among the kids themselves."

And Marble says, "I shudder to think what some of these public schools could do if they required sports."

Hyde School in Bath offers a varied athletic program to its students, fielding as many as three separate teams in sports such as football and wrestling. (Dave Bourque photo)

Freeport teams losing fields

FREEPORT — Athletic teams from the Freeport public school system may be playing home games on a number of "foreign" areas soon. And they're almost certain to be using home-away-from home areas when school opens in the fall.

With the Morse Street School addition on the horizon, athletic areas will be involved. Superintendent Robert D. Cartmill said, "The whole athletic area will be affected."

Dick Edgecomb, Freeport athletic director, said of the Morse Street School addition, "It looks very strongly that softball will be played on the Little League fields, both high school and junior high." Edgecomb said he'd like to have Freeport teams playing home games on one diamond, rather than starting on one field and finishing on another.

Edgecomb is hoping the baseball field will be available through the entire high school schedule, but adds, "The whole key is when they're (contractor) going to break ground."

While baseball may make it this season and softball is probably headed to the Little League diamonds, there's almost no chance of playing soccer at the usual site next fall. "It looks like we will play our home games at Pine Tree Academy (Freeport) next season. We have OK'd it through them that we'll have our home games there," Edgecomb said.

Field hockey is also up in the air at present, but the Morse Street School project is going to affect parts of each of the entire outdoor athletic facility situated between Freeport High School, Freeport Middle School and the Morse Street School.

Fast greens mean higher scores

By Ed Shearer
The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Defending champion Tom Watson says he won't be surprised if the 46th Masters Golf champion shoots above par because of fast greens.

"Treacherous does not describe them," Watson said Tuesday. "They're almost impossible right now."

Watson, the only two-time winner on the professional tour this year, generally is regarded as the favorite in this elite, international field of 76 that will begin the chase for the season's first major championship on Thursday over the picturesque 6,905-yard, par-72 Augusta National Golf Club course.

Watson, who also won here in 1977, says he's "playing well, but I'm concerned like everybody else about my efforts on the greens.

"I like them fast, as long as they don't get too fast," he added. "If you're on the wrong side of the hole here, your goose is cooked. Hitting a 30-footer is like hitting a 5-footer."

He said he expected very few scores under par this week and "if we get much wind, even par or 1 over might win."

It usually takes a below-par figure to capture this championship. Only three Masters champions have failed to break par, the last time in 1966 when Jack Nicklaus claimed the third of his record five Masters with an even par total.

Jackie Burke Jr. and Sam Snead each won with 289 scores in 1956 and 1954, respectively.

"You have to hit the ball well to win here this week," Watson added. "It will take a lot more patience, a lot more guts to win here."

Watson said he hopes the greens don't get much faster because "if the greens get too fast, it ceases to be skill and you get a lot of luck involved."

Watson, who won earlier in the year at Los Angeles, was victorious in his last start at the Heritage before taking a week off to work on his short game.

He said the short game will be extremely important with the fast greens in placing the ball in the proper position.

"I think 95 to 98 percent of the putts on this golf course will be defensive putts," he said.

Watson said that windy conditions compounding the problem would be an advantage for the short hitter.

He cited Tom Kite as one to watch this week. Kite, who won the Bay Hill Classic in a playoff, currently is second on this season's money list with $155,392.

Nicklaus, regarded by many as the best player the game has ever had, hasn't won in six outings this year, but he always ranks among the favorites at Augusta.

Jerry Pate, who tops the 1982 money list with $160,447, also must be considered one of the top contenders along with Johnny Miller, who tied for second last year and historically plays this course well.

Miller arrived here wondering about his physical condition because he's had little activity since hurting his knee in a skiing fall several weeks ago.

Among others who must be considered are 1976 champion Raymond Floyd, Hale Irwin, Bill Rogers and Craig Stadler.

Only two foreign players have ever won the Masters — South African Gary Player, a three-time winner, and Spain's Seve Ballesteros who won here two years ago.

Two Australians could figure in the picture before this 72-hole test ends Sunday — Greg Norman and David Graham.

Norman made his Masters debut a year ago and tied for fourth place with a 5-under 283 total. Graham has finished in the Top 10 here in four of the last five Masters.

The long-range weather forecasts calls for showers on Friday and Saturday, which would add to the challenge of the fast greens and the swirling winds.

"This might be a very interesting tournament," Watson said.

Jack Nicklaus carries a new set of golf clubs on his shoulder as he arrives for a practice round preceding the Masters. (UPI)

Riggins denied in bid for $$$

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bid by Washington Redskin running back John Riggins to regain $300,000 in back pay has been turned down by an arbitrator, who concluded that the team did not improperly prevent Riggins from playing during the 1980 season.

The Washington Post reported in its Wednesday editions that arbitrator Bert L. Luskin made the ruling on Monday. The Post said the decision has been received by both the Redskins and the National Football League Players Association, which supported Riggins in his grievance against the team.

Riggins had claimed that Washington had kept him from playing by placing him on the NFL's left-camp retired list Sept. 1, 1980. After being placed in that category, a player cannot be activated for the remainder of the season.

Bruins mum, Sabres need wheels

BOSTON (AP) — The biggest problem Coach Gerry Cheevers of the Boston Bruins had was who is going to play in goal tonight in the team's National Hockey League game against the Buffalo Sabres. The Sabres' biggest problem may be getting to Boston.

While Cheevers had to pick from one of three goalies for the opening game of the Stanley Cup playoff series, the Sabres didn't have quite as many options, thanks to the worst snowstorm of the season in the Northeast.

The Sabres had planned to arrive in Boston Tuesday and work out at Boston Garden. However the storm kept them from flying out of Buffalo–and would have prevented them from landing here, even if they had managed to take off. If flying out today still proves to be impossible, the team expects to come by bus, which is an eight-hour ride.

Meanwhile, back to Cheevers' "mystery goalie."

"I know and he knows," Cheevers said of his choice, made Tuesday. "I don't want Buffalo to know — yet."

The choices were veteran Rogie Vachon, and rookies Marco Baron and Mike Moffat, who has played in only two games, both victories.

The Buffalo goalie is expected to be Don Edwards in the first game of the best-of-five series. It will be Edwards' 63rd game this season.

The Bruins have been joined by two new players for the playoffs, veteran defenseman Dick Redmond and rookie forward Dave Barr. Both were on hand for a workout Tuesday after arriving from the Erie Blades of the American Hockey League.

Two Boston players still sidelined are Mike Krushelnyski, with a hip pointer, and Tom Fergus, sprained knee. On the other side, Bill Hajt and Larry Playfair, sidelined with late season knee injuries, have been listed as probable starters for the Sabres.

The Bruins held a 5-2-1 edge over Buffalo during the regular season this year. However the Bruins barely beat out the Sabres for second place–and home-ice advantage–in the NHL's Adams Division, 94 points to 93.

"This is going to be an excellent series," said Boston's Ray Bourque. "We were so close right to the end. We both play tight hockey. Capitalize, that's the thing to do."

Voyageurs halted by snow

BRUNSWICK — Something not-so-funny happened to the Nova Scotia minor league hockey team on its way to Portland last night. They were snowbound without hotel accomodations.

The Voyageurs, who were scheduled to meet the host Maine Mariners in the opening game of their American Hockey League playoffs series tonight, were stranded in the Portland area before finally finding suitable arrangements at the Interstate Oasis Motel in Brunswick.

Brunswick's Greg Moffett, a former University of New Hampshire standout goalie and member of the Voyageurs, had his father Ray, locate a motel for the travelling team, which left Montreal at approximately 6 p.m. Tuesday, according to the elder Moffett.

The players and coach and General Manager John Brophy, finally arrived at the Oasis early this morning, said motel owner Inga Weymouth and sleep was the top priority. "They're unhappy and they're tired," said Weymouth, of the players. "They went in their rooms this morning and I haven't seen one come out the door."

"Right now they're just going to sleep and take it from there, " said Weymouth of her new customers. And the Voyageurs won't have to move much today if they choose that path. Tonight's scheduled opener at the Civic Center has been postponed and the opener of the Calder Cup series rescheduled for 7:35 tomorrow night.

Skaters perform well

WORCESTER, Mass. — The Brunswick area was well represented on the ice during the recent Worcester Open.

Heidi Sproul, Kendra Jarratt, Erika Despres and Tamar Snyder of the Skating Club of Brunswick combined talents for two first places and a second place.

Sproul, from Pennaquid, grabbed a first in the Junior Girls B2 competition and Brunswick's Jarratt was tops in the Preliminary Girls A Division, nine-and-under age group. Despres and Snyder, both of Brunswick, were awarded second place in the similar pairs competition.

MA Boosters to meet

TOPSHAM — The Mt. Ararat Athletic Boosters are scheduled to meet tonight at the municipal building beginning at 7:30.

Discussion of new officers, spring activities and a summer outing are among the items on the agenda. The public is invited to attend.

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